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A **soundscope** is a magical device with an interesting history, intended for sound recording, as its name suggests. It was created by the mage Ortolan at Rissberg Castle. It is one of the few inventions he made that was not destroyed or sabotaged by the other mages.

Despite its practicality and usefulness for musicians and bards, the soundscope is a rarity due to the limited number that were produced and the loss of schematics over the years. Unlike the megascope, which allows communication, viewing of distant locations, and even teleportation, the soundscope is a more specialized invention, created mainly for the purpose of capturing and preserving musical performances. In fact, some soundscope models were so precise that they were capable of recording the sound of individual instruments in an orchestra, making them an invaluable tool for music historians and composers.

However, as the years passed, some enterprising individuals found other uses for the soundscope. In particular, certain models were modified to serve as a tool for espionage. With their ability to record sound from a distance, these modified soundscopes became invaluable to spies and intelligence agents.

Today, only a handful of soundscopes are known to exist, and they are highly prized by collectors and historians alike. Especially those that have captured the voice of important figures in history, such as kings, queens, and even infamous criminals. Soundscopes also serve to demonstrate the wealth and prestige of their owners, for they are artifacts that can cost up to a quarter of a province in Nilfgaardian terms.

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